

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the title with the following amended title:

**"DEVICE FOR SCANNING A ~~THREAD BY AN OPTICAL~~ YARN WITH A LIGHT  
BEAM"**

Please add the following new paragraph immediately after the title appearing on page 1.

This disclosure is based upon German Application No. 1901/02, filed November 13, 2002, and International Application No. PCT/CH2003/000727, filed November 6, 2003, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Please add on a new line the following at page 1, line 2:

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Please add on a new line the following at page 2, line 22:

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

Please add on a new line the following at page 4, line 21:

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

Please add on a new line the following at page 5, line 7:

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION**